Representation of Roman Catholics of South Travancore in public service.

41. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Are the Government aware that the South Travancore Roman Catholics are very poorly represented in the public service?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government are aware that South Travancore Catholic Christians are not largely represented in the public service.

Committee on educational reforms.

42. **MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR** (*Agastisvaram*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there is a proposal to appoint a committee to enquire into the defects of the present system of education and suggest remedies?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes. There is a proposal to appoint an Educational Reforms Committee.

Golf Links, Quilon Residency.

43. **MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) in whose possession the Golf Links of the Quilon Residency are;

(*b*) the rules of admission to the same; and

(*c*) whether anybody, subject to these rules, is entitled to play there?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The Golf Links of the Quilon Residency are in the possession of the Government and under the control of the Executive Engineer, Quilon.

(*b*) There are no rules for admission to the same.

(*c*) State Guests, the Agent to the Governor-General, when stopping at the Residency, and others, permitted by the Government to stop at the Residency, have the first right to use the links which form part of the Residency grounds. Other persons can use the links with the sanction of the Government.

Comparative strength of jaggery arrack of different degrees.

44. **MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether jaggery arrack of 30° U. P. is more intoxicating than jaggery arrack of 25° U. P.?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Jaggery arrack of 25° U. P. is more intoxicating than jaggery arrack of 30° U. P. as the former contains a higher percentage of alcohol.

Sale of intoxicants to females.

45. **MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have allowed the sale of toddy, ganja and opium to adult females of the State; and

(*b*) whether the sale of toddy arrack or jaggery arrack to such females is prohibited?

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MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes [*vide* clause 30 (*c*) (5) of the notice of sale of the privilege of vending cocoanut toddy arrack and clause 30 (*c*) (2) of the notice of sale of the privilege of vending jaggery arrack.]

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): May I know whether there is any particular reason why toddy arrack and jaggery arrack are prohibited from being sold to females?

MR. A KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Because they are more injurious to females than toddy, they are prohibited.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Have the Government found that these two intoxicants are peculiarly injurious to the female system and so prohibited or because of any other reason?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): There is no other reason.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): What exactly is the reason that the Government advocate for the prohibition of these two drugs?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Females are supposed to be of the weaker sex. The practice has been that they should not be given strong liquor. Hence the prohibition.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Are the Government then satisfied that their constitution is strong enough to consume any quantity of toddy?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Government have not experimented on that.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Then how did the Government estimate that toddy is not injurious to their health?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That was the practice which was followed.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): So, am I to take it that the Government did not think over the matter till now but accepted the old practice?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): That question was not brought to the notice of Government.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Have the Government till now experimented the effect of ganja on females?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Have they called for statistics on the subject either from the Durbar Physician or from those who are in charge of the Medical and Sanitary Departments?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to take this matter into consideration?

MR. A KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): If necessary, they may.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Are they now convinced that it is necessary?

MR. A. KUMARA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): Not quite convinced.

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MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Are the Government satisfied that the constitution of females deserves better treatment ?

PRESIDENT : That is a general question.

MR. S. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : It is enough if it is brought to the notice of the Government that it is a matter which was not taken note of till now.

Filling the vacancy of Mr. S. Chakrapani Aiyar, Assistant Head Sirkar Vakil.

46. MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they will lay on the table a list of applicants for the place of a Sirkar Vakil since the appointment of Mr. S. Chakrapani Aiyar as District and Sessions Judge ; and

(*b*) the name of the individual who was recommended for the post by the Head Sirkar Vakil ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) The list* is laid on the table.

(*b*) Government consider that it will be against public policy to disclose the information asked for by the member.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Am I to understand that in the place of Mr. Chakrapani Aiyar, who is appointed as District and Sessions Judge, nobody has been appointed as yet ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : The post has been filled up.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : His name please ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Mr. H. Ramakrishna Aiyar.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Was he taken from service or recruited direct from the bar ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : From the bar.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : May I know if there was any precedent of Sirkar Vakils from mofussils having been taken as Assistants to the Additional Head Sirkar Vakil ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have no recollection.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : May I know why the Government prefer this particular individual to all those people who are found in Appendix III ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : That is the Government's selection. The Government were satisfied that he was the best candidate to be appointed for the post.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : From which point of view, I want to know.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : On every relevant point of view.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*) : Does the interest of the Sirkar come into play in making this appointment ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

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